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### **CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

#### **Date of Alleged Violation: February 4, 2023**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.3(a)** Heating, cooling, and temperature. The sheltered part of sheltered housing facilities for dogs and cats must be sufficiently heated and cooled when necessary to protect the dogs and cats from temperature or humidity extremes and to provide for their health and well-being. The ambient temperature must not fall below 45 °F (7.2 °C) for more than 4 consecutive hours when dogs or cats are present, and must not rise above 85 °F (29.5 °C) for more than 4 consecutive hours when dogs or cats are present.

You failed to sufficiently heat the indoor housing shelter to protect the dogs and cats from temperature or humidity extremes and to provide for their health and well-being as evidenced by you not properly positioning the vents on the wood burning stove.

On the evening of February 4, 2023, the air vents on the wood burning stove were left open causing the fire to burn at a higher temperature overheating the building. The thermometer recorded the maximum temperature at 146°F. The next morning, it was discovered that 26 puppies had died overnight. Several older dogs and a few puppies survived the extreme temperatures.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$9,450.